

MUST RAISE RATES OR REDUCE WAGES

Heads of Leading Railroads
Confer Over the Problem
but Without Result.

EITHER WOULD AFFECT THE COMING ELECTION

Harriman and Others, Represent-
ing Western Interests, Urge
Immediate Advance, While
Eastern Men Fear Such
Action Would Retard
Flow of Business.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEW YORK, July 16.—Twenty-
five heads of leading American
railroads met to-day to
discuss the question of rais-
ing freight rates 10 per
cent. or cutting the wages of 1,650,000
employees an equal amount. Either
decision promises to have widespread
effect on the coming presidential election.

Should the government's influence
prevail against a raise in rates, an
element of the meeting holds the
dub of a strike over it. In the event of a
reduction in wages an inevitable strike
of several million employees would un-
doubtedly follow, seriously affecting
the result of the election. To avert
this it is likely that the meeting will
postpone any action until after the
election.

Divergence of Opinion.

Considerable divergence of opinion
appeared in the discussion as to the
policy of raising the scheduled rates
at the present time, owing to the dull-
ness of trade and the opposition that
has been already displayed on the part
of the most prominent railroads in the
country. On the one hand, it was argued,
the necessities of the railroads are urgent,
and while strict economies are being
practiced in operating expenses, the re-
duction of wages on a large scale has
not been resorted to. On the other
hand, the effect of raising the rates
before any marked improvement in gen-
eral freight traffic has set in may be
to retard the flow of rising business
that is expected with the fall. This
consideration appeals more strongly
to the Eastern lines than to the Western,
which can rely on the usual ship-
ments of fruit and grain.

It was reported that officers of the
Pennsylvania, who had hitherto advo-
cated an early raising of the scheduled
rates, have now changed their opinion
in the matter and, together with the
Lackawanna, Reading and Lehigh Val-
ley, are opposed to an immediate ad-
vance, and in this attitude were decid-
edly at variance with the policy advo-
cated by Mr. Harriman and the lines
allied with him.

The discussion brought out very
clearly the fact that a great difference
of opinion exists among the railway
authorities themselves on the question
whether rates shall be increased. The
matter of reduction of wages was not
discussed.

No Agreement Reached.

At the close of the conference a
statement was given out by Mr. Mc-
Cain, the secretary of the association,
as follows:

"The question of an advance in
freight rates was discussed at
length, and reports from the
committee having in charge the
checking of rates were considered,
but it was found that this work
had not progressed to such a point
as to make definite action prac-
ticable at this time."
No date was set for another meeting.
President Delano, of the Wabash, said
to-night that the principal obstacles
that stand in the way of a general and
uniform advance in rates are local
conditions. Asked if there was any
possibility of the trunk lines aban-
doning their intention of making rail-
road increases, Mr. Delano replied:
"No; increases will be made on many
classes and commodities and that be-
fore very long."

Those Who Attended.

Among those present at the confer-
ence were James McGraw, president of
the Pennsylvania; W. C. Brown, vice-
president of the New York Central; P.
D. Underwood, president of the Erie;
E. H. Harriman, representing the
Union Pacific and Delaware and Hudson
interests; William H. Treadwell, president
of the Lackawanna; George P.
Baer, president of the Reading; L. F.
Loe, president of the Delaware and
Hudson; Frederick Delano, president
of the Wabash, and Oscar S. Murray,
president of the Baltimore and Ohio.

TEMPLE IS DISCIPLINED

Ordered to Suspend All Work Until
December 1st.

ST. PAUL, MINN., July 16.—This was
Minneapolis Day in Shriners' Week, and
the members of the order who have
been attending the imperial convocation
in this city, were the guests of Zurich
Temple.

Now that the sessions of the imperial
council are ended, some of the nobles
have already left the city, but several
thousand remained to take in the ex-
cursions that had been planned for
to-day. To-morrow afternoon will be
observed as a holiday in St. Paul and
at 2:30 o'clock the civic and indus-
trial parade will take place. This
parade, though a feature of Shriners' Week,
will illustrate the growth and
prosperity of the Northwest. Twelve
full companies of Minnesota National
Guards will be in line, as will also the
entire garrison of Fort Snelling. Many
elaborate floats will be seen. The pa-
rade will be viewed by the imperial
council. To-morrow night there will
be a reception at the auditorium and
a ball at the armory.

It became known to-day that the
imperial council yesterday afternoon
disciplined Eladia Temple, of El
Paso, Tex. This temple has been under
dispensation for a year, and at this
convocation applied for a charter. Not
only did the temple fail to get its
charter, but it was ordered to suspend
all work until December 1st, as pun-
ishment for obtaining members out-
side its own territory.

TO ATTACK NORFOLK

Fleet Will Attempt to Capture and
Destroy Navy Yard.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 16.—The
District of Columbia naval militia went
by rail to-night to Alexandria, and
there boarded the cruiser Ancon, the
flagship of the twelfth man-of-war
fleet, which will operate in Chesapeake
Bay and Hampton Roads for the next
week or two. The reserves from five
States will take part in the manoeu-
vres, the theoretical object of which
is the capture and destruction of the
Norfolk navy yard and the private
shipbuilding plant at Newport News,
and incidentally the capture of Fort
Monroe.

The attacking force will be a tor-
pedo fleet outside the capes. The work
of the reserves will be the defense of
Hampton Roads, the national capital
and Baltimore. The base of the defend-
ing fleet will be about twenty miles
north of Port Monroe. The line it
will have to guard will be about
twenty-five miles long. Theoretically,
the fleet will be in constant danger,
especially at night, of being tor-
pedoed.

Naval reserves from the District of
Columbia, New Jersey, Maryland, Penn-
sylvania and North and South Carolina
will man the defending vessels. The
District reserves will man the Ancon,
the flagship; the Maryland re-
serves the Isla de Cuba, a gunboat;
the Pennsylvanians the Sylvia, and the
converted cruiser Prairie will hold the
North and South Carolina contin-
gents. Six torpedo boats and several
destroyers will take part. The fleet
will be commanded by Commander
Marsh, who will bear the title of ad-
miral for the time being.

The fleet regulations for the manoeu-
vres are precisely those which govern
the battleship fleet which is now in the
Pacific on its way round the world.
Each of the commanding officers will
be in full measure responsible for the
side he is on, and after receiving in-
structions from his superior, will be left
to follow his own discretion in carry-
ing out his orders. The defending fleet
is expected to cover the coast as far as
Fort Monroe.

Virginia Has No Naval Reserve

The battalion in existence prior to the
war with Spain not having been re-
organized since.

HUGH M'CURDY DEAD

Former Head of the Knights Templars
in the United States.

CORUNNA, MICH., July 16.—Hugh
McCurdy, former head of the Knights
Templars in the United States and one
of the most prominent Masons in the
country, died here to-day at his home in
this city after a long illness. He was
seventy-nine years of age. Litigation
with the county in which he lived over
a loan which he made to enable the
county to build a courthouse is thought
to have hastened his end. He is sur-
vived by a wife and one son.

Mr. McCurdy was one of the greatest
authorities on Masonic jurisprudence
in the country.

TOWN NEARLY WIPED OUT

Fire at New Philadelphia, O., Raged
All Night.

NEW PHILADELPHIA, O., July 16.—
The town of New Philadelphia, a coun-
ty containing 500 people, was practi-
cally wiped out to-day by fire. The
fire started at 9 o'clock last night and
raged until early to-day.

Forty homes and business buildings
were destroyed. The blaze started in a
flour mill, and among the buildings de-
stroyed are Huffman's restaurant,
Croyer's restaurant and several loaded
freight cars. The loss is estimated at
\$100,000.

SHOT BY BROTHER OF MAN OF WHOM HE WAS JEALOUS

ATLANTA, GA., July 16.—T. P. Cox,
a roof repairer, was shot and instantly
killed late to-day by O. E. Rutland, a
railroad fireman of West Point, Ga.,
in the rear of a moving picture theatre
on White Hall Street. Cox was shot
because he had been making love to
the wife of Rutland, who is jealous of
him. It is said that the killing grew out
of his jealousy of John W. Rutland, a
brother of O. E. Rutland, and with
whom he had quarrelled a few hours
earlier. Rutland surrendered.

NOT CALL NEGROES "MR."

IN JUDGE COCHRAN'S COURT

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WILMINGTON, DE., July 16.—Judge
Cochran, in the Wilmington Municipal
Court, to-day ruled that witnesses
should not refer to negroes as "Mr."
"Mrs." or "Miss." In order to enforce
his decision he fined Christopher
Brooks, a negro defendant who forgot
the judge's ruling, \$5. He also fined
a contempt of court, for calling the
prosecuting witness, a negro, "Mrs.
Archer." The decision is the most
unique ever made in Delaware.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE,

BUT NO LOSS OF LIFE

TACNA, CHILE, July 16.—A terrible
earthquake occurred to-day in the pro-
vinces of Tacna and Arica, in Chile, the
southern part of Peru and Bolivia.
Considerable destruction of property,
but no loss of life is reported. The
telegraph lines and the telephone lines
between Arica and Lima have been
broken and the telegraph lines to Bol-
ivia damaged.

FORMER NORFOLK MAN

KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BOSTON, MASS., July 16.—Ziba H.
Nickerson, of Lynn, a packer and cus-
toms service here, was killed to-
day by an explosion of dynamite
fireworks which he and some others
were setting. Two others were killed
and three injured. Nickerson was a
former resident of Norfolk, Va., where
he was employed by a cotton shipping
firm up to 1880.

Suit Over Trust Bond

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, July 16.—In the Law and
Chancery Court to-day Judge Martin
was engaged in hearing the case of
the Union Trust and Savings Bank
against the Atlantic Trust and Deposit
Company for recovery on a bond for
\$30,000, on a deed of trust to guarantee
the former company's advance loan on
the Victoria Hotel property. Judg-
ment was rendered to-night in favor of
the Union Company. Notice of appeal
was filed.

Crops Suffering in Valley

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, VA., July 16.—The
drought that prevails in the Shenan-
doah-Page Valley is growing serious,
and the damage to the growing crops
is already very great. The corn is
drying up, while vegetables and small
trucks are largely ruined already. The
absence of rainfall means the loss of
thousands of dollars every day.

Killed By Lightning

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SUFFOLK, VA., July 16.—During an
electric storm in Franklin last night,
Denson Hall, a negro, was killed by
lightning and his wife was rendered
unconscious for more than an hour.
Hall was walking by a window when a
bolt came.

GREAT FLEET IN HONOLULU HARBOR

With Good Weather and
Smooth Seas Trip Was
Made Without Mishap.

NATIVES ASSEMBLE TO SEE SHIPS COME IN

Diamond Head and Other Points
of Vantage Crowded, and When
the Connecticut Steams in
Sirens Whistle and
Fireworks Are
Set Off.

HONOLULU, July 16.—The Atlan-
tic battleship fleet arrived at
noon to-day. By universal
consent the day was made a
complete holiday, all business
being suspended, and thousands of peo-
ple from different islands of the ter-
ritory assembled on Diamond Head and
other heights and points of vantage
southeast of this city to view the ap-
proach of the Armada.

At 7:30 in the morning a message
came from the leper settlement on the
island of Molokai, that the fleet had
been sighted there, steaming in line
of squadron formation at a speed of
ten knots, and the Connecticut ap-
peared off the entrance to the channel
here at noon.

The flagship was followed by other
vessels in regular order, and twenty
minutes later all but the third division,
composed of the Louisiana, Virginia,
Ohio and Missouri, were in sight. After
passing Molokai, the third division pro-
ceeded to Lahaina, on the island of
Maui, for coal.

Cheers From the Crowd.

At 12:30 P. M. the Connecticut en-
tered the harbor and was saluted by
the naval station, and at 1:28 P. M. she
followed by the other ships, rounded the
lighthouse buoy and came to
anchor inside the harbor, while the
pent-up enthusiasm of the islanders
burst forth in whistling, singing and
the bursting of daylight fireworks.

As soon as the Connecticut had come
to anchor she was boarded by the re-
ception committee, who formally wel-
comed Rear-Admiral Sperry and his
officers and men to partake of Hawaiian
hospitality.

Later in the afternoon Rear-Admiral
Sperry made an official visit to Gov-
ernor Frear, who returned the visit.

During the entire run to Honolulu
the fleet experienced pleasant weather
and smooth seas. The trip was un-
eventful.

The health of the crews has been
very good, and there have been no
deaths or serious accidents since leav-
ing San Francisco. The Nebraska,
which was left behind when the fleet
went in the harbor the men-of-war were
count of scarlet fever cases among her
crew, overtook the fleet at 6:30 A. M.
yesterday.

Soon to Join Fleet.

The third division, which went to
Lahaina for coal, will come to Honolu-
lu July 19th, and rejoin the other
members of the fleet. Rear Admiral
Sperry is in excellent health.

To-night the city, dressed in bunt-
ing, was illuminated with thousands of
electric lights and the streets were
filled with a holiday-making crowd.
Out in the harbor the men-of-war were
outlined in incandescent bulbs, their
masts huge electric crosses against an
equatorial sky.

POWDER MAGAZINE EXPLODES

Nine Persons Are Killed and a Number
of Others Injured.

OLEALUM, WASH., July 16.—An ex-
plosion in the powder magazine of the
Northwestern Improvement Com-
pany this afternoon killed nine per-
sons and seriously injured a number
of others.

The dead: George Mead, manager of
the Northwestern Improvement Com-
pany store; Guilford McDonnell, clerk;
Andy Grill, clerk; Mrs. Perry Moffatt,
wife of brickmaker; infant child of
Mrs. Moffatt; Joe R. Ross, miner; Joe
Bozianpi, miner; two miners.

Shortly before 5 o'clock Manager
Mead and the clerks from the store
went to the powder house to assist in
unloading a carload of powder. How
the accident happened is not known.

SEES DAUGHTER CRUSHED

Horrible Sight Causes Mother to Lose
Her Mind, and She May Die.

GREENWICH, CONN., July 16.—One
woman was killed, two were perhaps
mortally injured, and nearly a dozen
persons were seriously hurt when the
White Mountain Express, of the New
York, New Haven and Hartford Rail-
road, was wrecked 100 feet west of the
station here to-day. Spreading rails
caused the ten-car train to leave the
tracks while it was crossing a bridge
over Steamboat Road, and five of the
passenger coaches, including four Pull-
mans, were hurled into a ditch, where
they collapsed like paper boxes. That
less than fifteen of the 180 passengers
were killed or injured seems little short
of miraculous as the train was going
fifty miles an hour.

The most tragic incident of the
wreck was the death of Miss
Margaret Armstrong, of Wayne, Pa.,
who was seated beside her mother in
one of the Pullman coaches when the
train left the tracks. Miss Armstrong
sprang from her seat and leaped out of
a window just as the car toppled over,
and she was ground to death as her
mother looked on.

Mrs. Armstrong fainted from the
shock, and when she recovered con-
sciousness in the hospital she was out
of her mind. The doctors admin-
istered opiates to quiet her. They say
her condition is serious, and that she
may die, although she was not in-
jured in the wreck. The other woman
who may die is Mrs. W. Drake, of
No. 17 East Eighth Street, New York
City, who was crushed in one of the
cars.

An immediate investigation as to the
cause of the wreck is to be made. The
coroner has had the engineer and both
conductors of the train placed under
arrest, and he is having the work of
removing the wreckage watched. This
action was taken because of a report
that reached the coroner that a rotten
tie on the bridge caused the accident.
There is evidence, it is alleged, that
the tie was in such a worm-eaten con-
dition that the spikes holding the
rails were pulled out.

LEE STATUE FINE LIKENESS

Committee Representing State Greatly
Pleased With Valentine's Work.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 16.—Ed-
ward V. Valentine's bronze statue of
General Robert E. Lee, which is to
occupy a place in the Hall of Statuary
at the National Capitol, representing
the State of Virginia, was formally in-
spected and approved here to-day by
an official party of distinguished Vir-
ginians. All of the commission named
by the Old Dominion Legislature to se-
cure the statue are here, except Gov-
ernor Swanwick. The party includes R.
Davis, Petersburg, chairman; Senator
D. P. Halsey, Edward Lyle, George E.
Sipe, Captain John C. Featherston, H.
C. Rice and Judge George L. Chris-
tian. With the party are Mr. Valentine,
the sculptor and Mrs. Valentine.

The statue is believed to be the near-
est reproduction of Lee, as he was in
life, in existence. All of the clothing in
the statue was copied from garments
worn by General Lee, which are now
in the Confederate museum at Rich-
mond. The Confederate leader is de-
picted as in full dress uniform, with
sword and spurs. The statue is exactly
life size, and will stand on a pedestal
five feet tall.

LOST BY BOAT CAPSIZING

Prominent Young Educator Drowned
at Oxford, N. C.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
OXFORD, N. C., July 16.—Mr. Darius
Oakman, assistant tutor at Columbia
University, who until last year held
a professorship at Wake Forest Col-
lege, was accidentally drowned near
Oxford this afternoon.

In the boat with him at the time
were Nick Annan and Thomas E. How-
land, of Oxford, and Hubert Potest, of
Wake Forest. Mr. Howell came near
losing his life to save his friend.

The boat capsized and Mr. Oakman
was unable to swim. Ten minutes
elapsed before the body could be re-
covered, and life was extinct. Great
sorrow prevails over the loss of one
so young and so gifted.

Professor Oakman was thirty-three
years old and is survived by an aged
father. He was a graduate of the Uni-
versity of North Carolina and Colum-
bia University and held the chair of pe-
dagogy in Wake Forest for two years.
Four weeks ago he secured the degree
of Ph. D. at Columbia in a post-gradu-
ate course.

WEATHER.

Fair and Warmer.

CHINAMEN TELL TALE OF CRUELTY

Brutality of Ship's Officers
Drove Several to Suicide,
Survivors Declare.

FEDERAL PROSECUTION MAY BE OUTCOME NOW

Coroner Expresses Indignation
When He Hears Testimony,
and Assistant U. S. District
Attorney Takes Matter
Up—Ready to Face
Accusers.

NEW YORK, July 16.—Federal
prosecution may be the out-
come of the protracted trouble
between the officers of the
British steamer Strathgry and the
Chinese crew of the vessel, a tragic
incident of which was the drowning
of two of the sailors in Erie Basin on
Saturday. Assistant United States Dis-
trict Attorney Moore has taken up the
matter.

The Chinamen refused to man the
steamer back to Shanghai, and de-
manded their pay, and just before the
Strathgry was to sail for Norfolk, Va.,
to load coal for use of American war-
ships in the Pacific, ten of the crew
jumped overboard, and two perished
before help could reach them.

Tale of Chinamen.

Mrs. Mary Grace Quackenbos, who is
said to be a special representative of
the Department of Justice at Wash-
ington, assisted by Louis Posner, caused
Coroner Harburger to ask the immi-
gration authorities at Ellis Island to
detain three of the crew—Hao Chang,
Ching, and Ching Dong, a boatman—in order
to try to prove that the men who leaped
overboard were driven to desperation
by the brutality of Captain D. M.
Gunn, and that he was therefore guilty
of the homicide. The hearing took
place to-day before the coroner, and
the testimony of harbor policemen who
rescued eight of the ten Chinamen
and that of the three detained Chin-
amen was heard.

Hao Chang, the steward, the only
one of the trio who could speak Eng-
lish, declared that for fourteen months
neither he nor any of his shipmates
was allowed to leave the Strathgry;
that putrid food was given to them,
and that they were fined when ill and
sometimes beaten. The other two
Chinamen made practically the same
charges through an interpreter.

Coroner Harburger expressed great
indignation when he heard the testi-
mony of the Chinamen, and told Mrs.
Quackenbos that he would accept any
further evidence she had to offer.

Applied for Warrant.

Later in the day Mrs. Quackenbos
applied for a warrant to the district
attorney, George L. Cannon, Gunn's
arrest, but Assistant District Attorney
Smythe refused on the ground that
she had not presented sufficient evi-
dence. Meantime Federal Assistant
District Attorney Moore decided to de-
tain the three Chinamen as witnesses.
The bodies of the two drowned Chin-
amen having been recovered, it is said
that a charge of manslaughter may be
preferred against the Strathgry's offi-
cers for alleged failure to rescue the
members of the crew who leaped from
the ship.

The Strathgry is Still at Norfolk.

Ready to Face Charges.
NORFOLK, VA., July 16.—Captain
Gunn, who is in the city to-night, says
he stands ready to return to New York
promptly if wanted on any charge, or
to testify in the case of the mutinous
Chinese crew. As yet no order has been
received for his arrest, however, and it
is not believed that he will be stopped
from sailing with his ship to-morrow
afternoon. Captain Gunn has em-
ployed counsel to advise him.

MR. BURTON VICE-PRESIDENT

OF ASSOCIATED BILL POSTERS

DETROIT, MICH., July 16.—The fol-
lowing officers for the ensuing year
were to-day elected by the Associated
Bill Posters of the United States and
Canada, in session here:
President, George L. Chennell, Col-
umbus, Ohio; Vice-President, W. S.
Burton, Richmond, Va.; Secretary,
Charles Bernard, Chicago; Treasurer,
C. U. Phillep, St. Joseph, Mo. The
next annual meeting will be held at
Atlanta, Ga., in July, 1909.

OLLIE JAMES FOR CHAIRMAN

He Seen Bryan and Is Said to Have Been
Tendered the Position.

FAIRVIEW, LINCOLN, NEB., July
16.—William J. Bryan does not intend
to be drawn into the Brownsville case
if he can help it. In all his conversa-
tions with visiting delegations and
others he has carefully refrained from
taking a side in the controversy, and he
put the brand of untruthfulness on an
alleged statement made by Bishop
Walters, of the African Methodist Epis-
copal Church, to the effect that he had
assured a negro delegation that he re-
garded President Roosevelt's action in
that case as unjust. At the same time
Mr. Bryan denied another alleged in-
terview of the bishop that he had dis-
cussed the appointment of negroes to
office.

These declarations were called forth
by a telegram from the Baltimore Sun,
inquiring as to the truth of the state-
ments said to have emanated from
Bishop Walters. To the newspaper
men at Fairview, Mr. Bryan said that
he had not and would not take up any
issue not contained in the platform.

Mr. Bryan was fairly busy to-day.
Delegates returned to the state con-
vention made pilgrimages to Fair-
view, where they conferred with their
leader about the coming campaign.
Mr. Bryan impressed them all with the
necessity of organizing political clubs
and exerting every effort to poll the
full Democratic vote in November. He
believes that clubs of this character
will contribute largely to Democratic
success. The visitors all left with
pledges of hearty support and promises
to get the Democratic voters to the
polls. They came from Illinois, Ala-
bama, Nevada and Texas.

The Vice of Representative Ollie
James, of Kentucky, and John L. Le-
gion, of Indiana, late in the afternoon,
gave rise to further gossip regarding the
chairmanship of the national commit-
tee. Nothing was given out bearing
on the business, which brought them
here, but it is said that Mr. James
at the special invitation of Mr. Bryan
that the national chairmanship was
discussed. A prominent Western Dem-
ocrat, who accompanied Mr. James
from Denver to Lincoln, is authority
for the statement that Mr. Bryan
strongly favors Mr. James for national
chairman. He added that the appoint-
ment had in fact been tendered Mr.
James, who in all probability will ac-
cept, although he preferred to take
the stump in Mr. Bryan's behalf.

ARE BETTING ON BRYAN

Loyds Write Policies of Half Million
Applications for Million.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEW YORK, July 16.—Loyds are
writing policies on the election of Wil-
liam Jennings Bryan. They have al-
ready placed over half a million dollars'
worth in the Wall Street district since
Tuesday. They insure at 10 per cent.

The policies have been taken out
mainly by brokers and financiers, who
are long of the market and who were
anxious to hedge against a small
stocks in the event of Bryan's election.
In other words, at the 10 per cent. rate,
a policy-holder has bet, say, \$10,000
against \$100,000 that Bryan will be
elected. The brokers handling the
business did half a million worth in
one day, and have applications for
one million more, for which they are
awaiting Loyds confirmation.

CONFERENCE IN WEST

Hitchcock Off to Attend Big Meeting
at Colorado Springs.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 16.—
Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock, of the
Republican National Committee, accom-
panied by James T. Williams, Jr., one
of the staff of Republican headquarters,
left for Chicago, en route to Colo-
rado Springs, Col., to attend the con-
ference of Western Republican leaders
there on Monday and Tuesday.

Before leaving to-day Chairman
Hitchcock disposed of a mass of busi-
ness and had conferences with several
leading members of the party, including
Francis Curtis, who is in charge of
the literary bureau of the national
committee. Arrangements were
made for Mr. Curtis to begin his work
immediately.

Mr. Hitchcock will stop in Chicago
to-morrow only long enough to com-
plete arrangements for the national head-
quarters in that city. He will then
proceed directly to Colorado Springs.

M. W. A. AFTER ITS DEPOSIT

File Suit Against Receiver of Chariton
(Iowa) National Bank.

DES MOINES, IOWA, July 16.—The
Modern Woodmen of America filed a
suit in the Federal court here to-day
for \$420,755 against James H. Jamison,
receiver of the First National Bank, of
Chariton, Iowa, and L. O. Murray, con-
troller of the currency for the govern-
ment.

The petitioners demand a sum of
\$350,000 cash that was deposited in the
bank, with interest from December 7,
1907, and a lien